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***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicants: Ritsuko EHAMA et al.  
Title: METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR THICKENING HAIR  
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**AMENDMENT & REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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Madam/Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits and responsive to the final Office Action dated July 17, 2008, and the Advisory Action dated November 17, 2008, the Applicants respectfully request examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently with this submission.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 3.

Please amend the application as follows: